

SIFT BLACKMAIL PLOT IN COURT.

Supt. Martin Testifies He Paid Dr. Whitmore and Army Clerk Wilson \$2,250 Each in Riker Island Case.

DEMANDED \$150 A MONTH.

Double Telephone Switch Used So Detectives Could Hear—Accused Men Say They Are Victims of Unjust Suspicion.

The examination of Dr. Benjamin T. Whitmore, the widely-known physician, and Harry C. Wilson, Chief Clerk of the Harbor Improvement Board, charged with attempting to blackmail the Water Front Improvement Company of Jersey City, was called this afternoon before Magistrate Cornell in Center Street Police Court.

The defendants were represented by George Gordon Battle, who announced that he was ready to proceed. District Attorney Jerome, with Assistant District Attorneys Kresel and Miner, represented the People. Street Cleaning Commissioner Woodbury and Deputy Police Commissioner Piper were also in court.

Dr. Whitmore and Chief Clerk Wilson assert that they are the victims of unjust suspicion. It is said that they approached Supt. Martin, of the Water Front Improvement Company, which has charge of the work of filling in Riker's Island for the Street Cleaning Department, with the proposition that for \$5,000 and \$50 a week they would secure the continuance of the services of a Government dredge and tug loaned to the city for the work by the War Department. Mr. Martin communicated with Commissioner Woodbury and Deputy Commissioner Piper.

Story of Marked Bills.

Detective McConville was assigned to the case. He assumed the name of Secretary Gubelman, of the Water Front Improvement Company, and was so introduced to Dr. Whitmore and Wilson. They were said to have received the proposition and he paid them \$4,500 in marked bills, after which they were arrested.

Dr. Whitmore secured bail. Wilson has been in jail since his arrest on Friday afternoon. An interested spectator at the hearing to-day was Professor Bauman, who has been a friend of Dr. Whitmore for many years. Street Cleaning Commissioner Woodbury was the first witness. He told how he had borrowed the dredge, tug and three barges from the Government, putting up his personal bond of \$25,000 for their safe return. Capt. Piper, then Superintendent of Police, was in the department, negotiated the loan of the boats with Secretary of War Root. The testimony of the Commissioner was corroborated by Capt. Piper.

Supt. Martin swore that in response to a letter and a telephone call he went to the office of Dr. Whitmore in Malden lane about Oct. 16. He said that Dr. Whitmore told him he represented two startled employees in the Government service who had it in their power to remove the dredge and tug from the Riker's Island work or to continue them there after the expiration of the term for which they were originally loaned.

Says Whitmore Urged Payment.

"He pulled a pad out of his desk," testified Supt. Martin, "and tried to figure to me how to make a large sum of money out of the contract to afford to pay these two friends of his, who needed the money because they were getting only \$200 a month apiece."

The superintendent then told how he had reported the matter to the authorities and had a double switch arranged on the telephone in his house so that Detective Sergeant McConville might listen to his telephone conversations with Dr. Whitmore.

Mr. Martin told of two meetings with Dr. Whitmore in the Hoffman House cafe. Wilson was the second witness. He said he handed \$2,250 to each of the two men, but Dr. Whitmore handed his money over to Wilson. Then both were arrested.

STOCKINGS LEAD PASTOR TO QUIT.

The Rev. Dr. Hume Preached Too Much About the Open-Work Variety and Then His Parishioners Rebelled.

The Board of Consistory of the old Bushwick Reformed Dutch Church, Humboldt and Conselyea streets, Williamsburg, has come to the rescue of brightly colored and lace openwork stockings by announcing the resignation of the Rev. Dr. James C. Hume as pastor.

Dr. Hume waged a war on women's stockings of the fish-net variety and also upon hose which was colored for the purpose of being attractive. The female members of his church rebelled. His resignation is the result.

In a sermon last spring Dr. Hume declared that the woman who put her foot in a stocking of flashy colors was taking a long step in the direction of prostitution. But the pastor expressed his horror of the young woman who would wear the modern openwork lace stockings in stronger language.

It was just coming on summer and many of the younger women of his congregation had sought relief and beauty in the stockings which consisted of a piece of lace sewed together in the back. Dr. Hume said that they were actually flirting with Satan himself. The war was kept up all summer. Dr. Hume would not change his opinions on the matter, and the members of the Board of Consistory were sought. The attendance began to decrease until recently it is said that the Rev. Dr. Hume had for auditors of his sermons only highly respectable elderly ladies. The Board intimated to Dr. Hume that unless he changed his views on stockings, they would probably thrive on him. The resignation was accepted.

The new pastor, which is one of the best in the vicinity, having been in the ministry for many years, is looking forward to a more liberal and liberalizing of the stockings.

PUNISHED PUPIL, THEN DRANK ACID

Miss Celia Ettleson, a Pretty Young Teacher, Feared Punishment from School Board, So She Killed Herself.

SISTER MAKES CHARGES.

Mrs. Corson Says the Principal and Four Other Teachers Hounded the Young Woman Until They Drove Her to Suicide.

Fear of dismissal on account of her chastisement of an unruly pupil so preyed upon the mind of Miss Celia Ettleson, a pretty young teacher in School No. 100, in Livingston street, that she drank carbolic acid and died in the home of her sister, Mrs. Mary Corson, at No. 51 West One Hundred and Seventeenth street. She was twenty-two years old and the daughter of a Chicago merchant.

The young woman had taught for three years in the primary department of the school, and had given satisfaction. A week ago she chided a boy who was annoying her, and when he continued to be unruly she seized him by the shoulder and shook him.

He fell against a seat, and his head was bruised. The child told his parents, who in turn complained to the principal of the school, Miss Loretta Norcott. She drew up formal charges against Miss Ettleson, and they were to be heard by the School Board to-day.

On Saturday night Mrs. Corson took her to a theatre in the hope of soothing her mind, and this antidote seemed to have some effect, for upon their return home the girl was more cheerful than she had been for several days.

Instead of going to bed Miss Ettleson sat up for some time reading in her room, which is the front one of Mrs. Corson's apartment. It is supposed that while thus engaged she reached the sudden determination to kill herself. About 5 o'clock Mrs. Corson was awakened by a noise in her sister's room.

Hurrying there, she found the girl lying on the floor fully dressed but unconscious. Her lips were seared, and on the floor by her side lay a bottle in which only the dregs of carbolic acid remained.

DAUGHTER FINDS SUICIDE.

At Louis Heine's Bedside Were Two Carbolic Acid Bottles.

Louis Heine, sixty-five years old, of by his daughter, Mrs. Frank Blechmeyer, to-day, dead in bed. He had taken carbolic acid and the two empty bottles were found at his side. He had been forced by illness to retire from business.

RAN TO STREET, DRESS BLAZING.

Julia Landy's Skirt Caught Fire from Oil Stove and She Dashed Down Stairs from the Fourth Floor.

WOMAN RESCUER UNINJURED

Mrs. Adolph Fisher's Dress Caught Fire as She Attempted to Beat Out Flames—Mrs. Landy in Hospital, Likely to Die.

With her clothing burned away and her body bearing the marks of fire from her feet to her waist, fifteen-year-old Julia Landy, of No. 810 Columbus avenue, was this afternoon taken to the J. Hood Wright Hospital. She is not expected to live.

Miss Landy lives with her aunt, Hannah Landy, on the fourth floor. In the absence of her aunt she was cooking on an oil stove in the kitchen. The three young in the primary department of the school, and had given satisfaction.

Scrambling with fright, and not stopping to put out the fire the girl started down the long flights of stairs to the street. The flame grew as she sped downward, and when she reached the foot of the last flight her outerskirt was ablaze.

As Miss Landy ran down this flight, Mrs. Adolph Fisher, whose husband keeps a furniture and oilcloth store on the first floor, entered the street door. Mrs. Fisher picked up a rug and attempted to wrap it around the girl, but her own dress caught fire. She added her screams to those of Miss Landy, and both dashed out the door across the sidewalk and out into the street.

Mr. Fisher was standing at the door of his store. He wrapped a roll of matting around Mrs. Fisher and helped put out the blaze in her dress. Then Mr. Fisher turned his attention to the girl. He tore off her dress and put out the flame, but Mrs. Landy was so badly injured that an ambulance was called from the J. Hood Wright Hospital and she was taken there. Mrs. Fisher's injuries were very slight.

BOY AND GIRL MISSING.

Ida Dietz is Fourteen and Isidor Brown is Thirteen.

Ida Dietz, fourteen years old, tall, with fair complexion, light hair and blue eyes, was reported missing from her home, No. 300 West One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street, since Nov. 14 by her sister Emma. When last seen she wore a black cloth dress with black trimmings, and button shoes. The police were also requested to assist in the search for Isidor Brown, thirteen years old, light complexion and hair and blue eyes, and at red in his check coat and knickerbockers, bicycle cap, black stockings and lace shoes, who has been missing since Friday last from his home, No. 101 Avenue D.

GIRL RACES TO SAVE HER BABY.

Little One Seized with Fatal Coughing, the Child-Mother Speeds Through Streets Bearing Her Infant to Hospital.

CHILD DIES IN HER ARMS.

She Was Only Sixteen Years Old and When Sad News Was Told Her She Wept as if Her Heart Would Break.

With her dying baby clasped closely to her breast, Mrs. Nellie Flynn, a sixteen-year-old mother, who lives at No. 325 Pearl street, ran wildly through the streets early this morning, and when she opened the precious bundle in the Church street police station the little spark of life had fled.

Great tears welled into the eyes of the pitiful young mother. Hardly more than a child herself, she threw herself on her knees beside the chair where the wasted little form of her baby lay and unburdened her sorrow with weeping.

Big policemen, hardened to pitiful scenes, turned from the room, unnerved, and left the child-mother alone with her dead. It was several minutes before the sergeant touched her tenderly on the shoulder and helped her away. She begged, she pleaded not to be separated from her baby.

Coughing Killed the Child.

William Flynn is employed by a New York newspaper and left his home very early, leaving his child-wife to watch at the crib of their child, who for several weeks had been sick. He had gone only a short time when the baby was attacked with a violent coughing spell. His mother was helpless. She was hardly old enough to possess a mother's instinct and she picked up the little form in terror.

In her frenzy she thought of her married sister, Mrs. Salmon, at No. 6 West street, who was the mother of several children. Wrapping her baby in the quilts from its cradle, she ran into the street. She was scantily clothed herself, but she paid no heed to the chill wind that blew up from the bay.

Mrs. Salmon saw the baby and told her sister to hurry to the Hudson Street Hospital with it. Into the street the young mother again ran, her feet scarcely seeming to touch the pavement, so swiftly did she run. Not far from the Church street station she saw Policeman Charles O'Rourke. Almost exhausted she went to him and he took her to the station-house.

15TH FIREWORKS VICTIM IS DEAD.

Another Man Not Expected to Live, but Other Patients Are on Road to Recovery.

Frank O'Connor, seventeen years old, of No. 60 East Houston street, died in Bellevue Hospital this morning from a fractured skull, making the fifteenth person who has died as a result of being injured in the fireworks explosion in Madison Square on election night.

Eighteen persons who were injured by the explosion still remain in Bellevue, but all of them are expected to recover, except James Fenton, a negro, of No. 98 Clinton street, who has a fractured skull and whose death, the doctors say, is only a matter of a few days at most. The seventeen other patients are doing well.

NOT TO BLAME FOR DEATH.

Two Men Discharged by Coroner After Subway Accident Inquest.

A jury before Coroner Scholer to-day exonerated F. Carmello, of No. 248 Elm street, and Randio Davin, of No. 146 Union street, Brooklyn, from all blame in connection with the death of Joseph Motts, of No. 115 Elm street, who was killed in the subway excavation at Elm and Franklin streets about ten days ago.

Motts was killed by rocks which fell from the iron bucket used to haul the rock to the street. Carmello was the signal man.

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ROOSEVELT WINS A WARM TRIBUTE.

Holt Collier Says of Him That He is a "Powerful Game and Persistent Hunter."

SMEDLEY, Miss., Nov. 17.—Rain, which began falling last night, is still coming down to-day, and the prospect for a resumption of the bear hunt from the camp on the Little Sunflower is not flattering. The rain is not a peking drizzle, which the weather-wise hereabouts predicted might continue for several days. The chances are that the President's fun is spoiled, at least for to-day.

The manner in which "The Colonel" stuck to the trail on Saturday long after the others had abandoned the chase and returned to camp, earned for him the most profound respect of Holt Collier, who said he was a "powerful game and persistent hunter."

Despite this tribute to the President's pertinacity, it is not believed here that he would start out in such weather. If he is forced to remain in camp to-day he will be fairly comfortable. On his hunting expeditions he is accustomed to roughing it in all kinds of weather. A good tent over his head to keep him dry is more than he has had in the Rockies. To-morrow night the party will break camp. The train will leave here in time to reach Memphis at 3:30 Wednesday morning.

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Are showing Jute Velour and Embroidered Portieres, Couch Covers, Table Covers, Fine Japanese Lacquer Screens, Drapery Materials, Embroidered Lambrequins, Lounging Cushions, Etc.,

And offer on Tuesday and Wednesday, November 18th and 19th,

2,000 yards of fabrics for Window Draperies, Portieres, Furniture and Wall Coverings,

Original Prices from \$2.25 to \$6.50 per yard. \$1.65, 2.50, 3.50 yd.

And on First Floor, Rear of Rotunda, Cushion Tops, 60c., 90c. and \$1.25 each.

BLANKETS and QUILTS. Down and Lamb's Wool filled Comfortables (the season's newest designs and color combinations), of Satin, Silk and Silk-laine, also lace effects on silk and satin. Comfortables made to order in all sizes.

For Tuesday, November 18th:

California Blankets at the following special prices, for Single, Large and Extra Large Beds:

\$3.90, \$4.75 and \$5.75 per pair.

Eighteenth Street, Nineteenth Street and Sixth Avenue.

THE ROAD TO SUCCESS
RUNS THROUGH
THE "WANT" COLUMNS
OF THE WORLD.

GREAT OVERSTOCK SALE!

We Are Heavily Overstocked—Goods Must Be Sold!

This is the week of sacrifice. We bought heavily of stocks offered us at incredibly low prices, but we bought too much, "bit off more than we can chew." We bought more than we can sell between now and Christmas by ordinary methods, so we adopt the extraordinary. This matchless stock must go. It's a forced move, and means the wiping out of all profits. A bargain festival for the people. A ruthless sacrifice of \$150,000 worth of high grade, reliable, Fall and Winter merchandise. A high quality, low-price jubilee of the greatest interest. A demonstration of underselling, of sacrificing values that has never before been attempted by any concern in New York. Grasp this golden opportunity. Get your share of these thrilling, sensational bargains while there is yet time.

Tuesday Morning, at 8 o'clock, We Begin the Greatest, Most Beneficent Bargain Event New York City Has Yet Known.

Great Overstocked Sale Men's Business Suits.

We close our eyes to all losses and take our medicine. Overbuying gives you these garments at about half their value.

Men's Suits, in all-wool material, well made and trimmed; fine values for \$12.00; yours while they last..... \$6.75

Men's Suits, splendid business Suits, in new and natty patterns; values \$15 and \$16, for..... \$9.75

Men's Suits, in all colors and fabrics, single and double breasted styles, great values, \$18 and \$20, for..... \$11.75

Men's Suits, right up to the minute, 100 different styles to select from, single or double breasted; values \$20 and \$22..... \$14.75

Men's Suits, in imported goods, hand made; extremely well in cut and fit; single and double breasted; values \$22.50, \$25 and \$28, for..... \$17.75

Men's Prince Albert Coats and Vests.

200 of these garments, some in silk-lined imported goods, in vicunas and unfinished worsteds; values \$22, \$25 and \$28, for..... \$17.50

Great Overstocked Sale of Furnishings.

35c. Suspenders, To go at..... 19c

50c. Neckwear, To go at..... 22c

50c. and 75c. Undershirts and Drawers, to go at..... 39c

\$1.00 Silk Suspenders, To go at..... 45c

\$4.00 Silk Neckwear, To go at..... 48c



Great Overstocked Sale Men's Overcoats.

Every price quoted is a mercantile triumph. Come and see the goods, examine them with your own eyes and hands. We claim such qualities at such prices were never offered before.

Men's Overcoats, all sizes and lengths; blues, blacks and Oxfords; great values at \$12 and \$13.50; yours at..... \$7.75

Men's Overcoats, in all colors and styles; hand padded shoulders, loose back, length 44 to 50 inches; fine values at \$15 \$9.75 and \$16.50..... \$9.75

Men's Swell Overcoats; the loose boxy back; the full bell skirt; \$11.75 grand values at \$17 and \$18, for..... \$11.75

Men's Stylish Overcoats, in every wanted style and color; hand-tailored garments; chock full of style; values \$20 and \$22, for..... \$14.75

Men's Finest Overcoats, in Vicunas, Thibets and imported fabrics; all hand-tailored; correct in every detail; great values at \$25, \$28 and \$30, for..... \$19.75

Great Overstocked Sale of Men's Pants

Men's Pants, values \$3.00, for..... \$1.95

Men's Pants, values \$4.50 and \$5.00, for..... \$3.95

Men's Pants, values \$6, \$7 and \$8, for..... \$4.95

Men's Pants, values \$1.50 and \$1.75, for..... \$1.15

Celebrated Gloves, to go at..... 1c



Great Overstocked Sale Children's Clothing.

Children's Corduroy and All Wool Knee Pants; value 75c; sizes 3 to 16, for..... 29c

Children's All Wool 2-Piece Suits, blue chevrot and fancy mixtures; sizes 7 to 16; value \$3, for..... \$1.95

Children's All Wool 2-Piece Suits, blue serge and fancy chevrots; sizes 7 to 16; values \$4 and \$5, for..... \$2.95

Children's All-Wool 2-Piece Suits, 2 and 3 button, D. B. in newest mixtures; sizes 7 to 16; values \$6 to \$8, for..... \$4.95

Children's Norfolk Suits, sizes 4 to 16; all the newest patterns; values \$5 and \$6, for..... \$3.75

Boys' 3-Piece All-Wool Suits, fancy mixtures, blue and black chevrots, sizes 9 to 16; value \$4, \$5 and \$6, for..... \$3.45

Boys' 3-Piece Suits, all-wool serge, sizes 8 to 16; values \$7 to \$8, for..... \$4.95

Russian Blouse and Sailor Suits, sizes 3 to 8, in all colors; values \$6 to \$9, for..... \$4.95

Children's Russian Blouse Overcoats, in red, blue and Oxford, sizes 3 to 8; values \$6 and \$7, for..... \$3.95

Children's Overcoats, the long, loose ones, sizes 4 to 16; value \$4, for..... \$2.45

Children's Overcoats, fancy Oxfords, sizes 4 to 16; values \$6 and \$7, for..... \$3.95

Children's Overcoats, sizes 4 to 16, in plain and fancy Oxfords; values \$6 to \$7.50, for..... \$4.95

Great Overstock Sale Young Men's Clothing.

Boys' Long Pants Suits—Ages 14 to 20 years, all-wool materials; blues, blacks and fancy cassimeres; values \$8.00, for..... \$4.75

Boys' Fine Long Pants Suits—Ages 14 to 20 years, single and double breasted styles; all colors and styles of goods; values \$10 and \$11, for..... \$7.45

Boys' Swell Long Pants Suits—Ages 14 to 20 years, in single and double breasted, imported fabrics; hand tailored; very swaggy; values \$16 and \$18, for..... \$11.75

Great Overstocked Sale Rain and Cravenette Overcoats.

in heavy and light in imported fabrics, most of them are heavy enough for the coldest winter days, guaranteed rain proof; grand values; \$25 and \$28, for..... \$12.75

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